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REMARKS

Claims 26 and 33 have been canceled. Claims 1-25, 27-32 and 34-38 are still pending in this application.

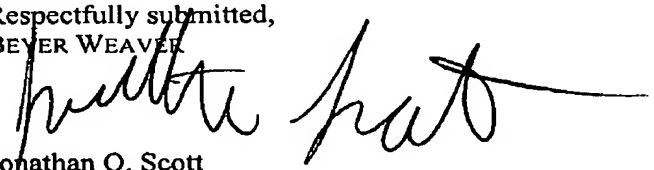
The Office action at page 4 indicates that incorporating the limitations of dependent claims 26 and 33 into the independent claims would overcome the grounds of rejection. Accordingly, the limitations of claim 26 have been incorporated into claim 25 and the limitations of claim 33 have been incorporated into claim 32.

The present application fully supports these limitations and provides advantages thereof. For example, the present application describes the use of probability information and its advantages at: page 17, last paragraph; page 18, last 5 lines; page 21, lines 14-24; page 23, second paragraph; page 24, first paragraph; page 26, lines 1-5; page 29, line 5; and page 31, first paragraph.

The Office action has not indicated if the drawings are accepted or objected to by the Examiner. Applicant requests that a next communication indicate if the drawings are accepted or not.

Reconsideration of this application and issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution, please do not hesitate to telephone the undersigned at (612) 252-3330.

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